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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

Psychological Strategy Board

SUBJECT : Psychological and Sociological Components of Soviet Satellite Vulnerabilities and Vulnerabilities of Other Tension Areas. Catalog of Source Materials, collected in the Pilot Study on Yugoslavia by the Institute of East European Studies, Indiana University

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[REDACTED] has asked me to transmit to you the result of your oral request to him for an evaluation of subject material and for his opinion as to the merits of a continued subsidy of the project. His comments follow:

a. This extensive and elaborate research project is based on data obtained from individuals leaving Yugoslavia, primarily as refugees from the Communist regime. It is doubtful if this material is currently, or ever will be, of significant use to CIA, although it conceivably could be used in the preparation of limited support material.

b. As background data for those engaged in intelligence work on Yugoslavia, the three volumes submitted for review are of questionable value and, furthermore, appear to duplicate research already done, e.g., NIE Studies which provide more comprehensive context and coverage as basic materials. The arrangement of material in this catalog (following an outline form which results in a long inventory of subjects for each interrogation report) is a further disadvantage, merely adding to the already bulky files on the area. A more useful and informative arrangement would have been to present a basic abstract for each interrogation.

c. The biographic compilation (pps. 60-75) which contains an index to reports on leading Yugoslav personages, is the only section which might be of use to CIA. Many of the reporters, as former colleagues and current critics of some of these persons, gave information not previously uncovered. Generally, these

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biographies in Yugoslavia cover three to five pages. Although their translation would not seem warranted at this time, [] 25X1A
[] feels that, rather than have the papers destroyed, CIA would be interested in obtaining them for safekeeping and possible future reference.

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d. It is Mr. []'s considered opinion that the actual or potential usefulness of the end product of this research is not commensurate with the effort and expenditure which would be required to complete it.

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